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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Appln. No.: 09/453,831

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For: POLISHING METHOD AND
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In reply to the final Office Action dated January 3, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1, 4, and 5 without prejudice or disclaimer and amend claim

17 as follows:

17. (Amended) A polishing method comprising:

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